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In Re Application Of

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Populating Forms with  
Previously Used Data Values

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**DECLARATION OF ERIK J. SNAPPER, JULIAN P. JIGGINS, BHARAT SHYAM, HADI PARTOVI, ERIC R. BERMAN, STEVEN J. FREEDMAN, JAMES E. ALLARD, FRANK Z. CHANG, STEPHEN P. PROTEAU, AND CLINT C. JORGENSEN PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, ERIK J. SNAPPER, JULIAN P. JIGGINS, BHARAT SHYAM, HADI PARTOVI, ERIC R. BERMAN, STEVEN J. FREEDMAN, JAMES E. ALLARD, FRANK Z. CHANG, STEPHEN P. PROTEAU, AND CLINT C. JORGENSEN hereby declare<sup>1</sup> that:

- 1) We are named as the joint inventors of the present patent application, U.S. Patent Application 09/388,351.
- 2) We, Bharat Shyam, Clint C. Jorgenson, Erik J. Snapper, Frank Z. Chang, Hadi Partovi, James E. Allard, Julian P. Jiggins, and Stephen P. Proteau are presently employed by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) and have been since 8/2/1993, 6/16/1997, 5/17/1993, 7/27/1998, 6/3/1991, 9/9/1991, 7/10/1989, and 4/4/1994, respectively. Microsoft is the assignee of the above-identified patent application.
- 3) We, Eric R. Berman and Steven J. Freedman, were formerly employed by Microsoft during the development of the above-identified invention.
- 4) Prior to June 19, 1998, we worked together and with others at Microsoft to develop the invention described in the above-referenced patent application.

<sup>1</sup> Each numbered declaration is a joint declaration unless an individual reference has been made. In such a case, the referenced individual or individuals are making the numbered declaration.

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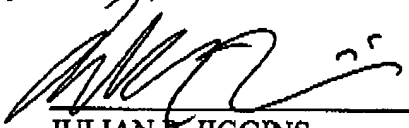
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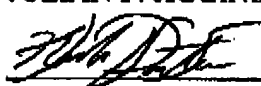
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